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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 1/18/00 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The amendment does not comply with 37 CFR

1.121(b)(2)(I)(A) because it fails to have [, comprising] preceding the word “having” in line 6 of claim 1 (amended) and it fails to have the word “having” in that line underlined. In claim 16, the word “thereat” was deleted, but in claim 16 (amended), the deleted word is shown as “thereof”, the comma after [...said transport device further comprising] in line 7 of claim 16 should be underlined, as should the word “and” immediately following the comma. In addition, these claims are technically “twice amended” claims because the versions presented on filing were “amended” claims. 37 CFR 1.121(b)(2)(I)(C). Also, the amendment does not comply with 37 CFR

1.121(b)(2)(ii) and (iii). See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Prior Art References


2. The IDS filed on 1/18/00 has been entered into the case and will be addressed in response to applicant's to-be-filed fully responsive reply to the office action of 3/29/99.

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Contact Information

3. Official documents related to the instant application may be submitted to the Technology Center 3700 mail center by facsimile at (703) 305-3579/3580. Should Applicant desire to submit a DRAFT response to the Examiner by facsimile transmission, then Applicant should contact the Examiner at the number below for instructions concerning the transmission of DRAFT documents. Applicant is reminded to clearly mark any facsimile transmission as "DRAFT" if it is not to be considered as an official response.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Joseph Gorski at telephone number (703) 308-1805.


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